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Tea Party protest at Belt and Frederick Saturday morning

The St. Joseph "Tea Party" will hold a rally from 11 am to noon Saturday, Dec. 5th at Belt Highway and Frederick.

The protest is aimed at health care and other bills pending before congress and other issues.

Participants are encouraged to bring flags and signs.

Similar Tea Party protests will be held on the same day across the country.

For more information, call 279-2219.

Winter craft workshop Saturday

The whole family is invited to join in the fun as the St. Joseph Museums hosts "Nature's Noel," a winter craft workshop with a nature theme on Saturday, December 5. The workshop will be held at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 11th and Charles, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The workshop will be led by St. Joseph Museums Director of Education Amy Grier, who has three projects lined up for the event.

"This family oriented, "make-it, take-it" workshop will include making bird-seed feeders, plus evergreen table centerpieces, and gilded leaves that can be used in all types of holiday decorations. These projects will engage all ages in wildlife preservation and in creating holiday decorations for their home," said Amy Grier.

The "Nature's Noel" workshop will be held at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 1100 Charles Street, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please call the St. Joseph Museum at 816.232.8471 for more information.

Salvation Army kettle update

Salvation Army kettle totals as of November 25th are \$10,347.36. In 2008, the kettles totaled \$35,036.65.

They say they are running behind and need our help catching up.

Shields offers ethics changes

Offering new solutions to help improve Missouri's ethical climate among elected officials, Senate Leader Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph, today introduced legislation that would create the position of an independent investigator within the Ethics Commission, bar contributions to incumbent officials during session and expand income reporting requirements to include legislative staff. Senator Shields said he was spurred to propose the three-pronged bill after three elected officials resigned this year due to ethics violations.

"Ethics violations are unacceptable, especially because of the damage they cause to the public's trust in our democratic process," Sen. Shields said. "I believe we should continue to build on reforms we passed in 2007 by

bringing even more transparency and accountability to the process in every way we can."

The Senate bill, that will be assigned a number by the end of the day, would create the Office of Independent Investigation within the Ethics Commission to investigate potential ethics violations and file ethics complaints. Complaints filed by the office would continue to be handled in the same manner as they currently are handled.

"By creating this office, we would bring a new level of accountability to Missouri," Sen. Shields said. "Currently, it is up to citizens to file complaints, but this would mean we would have a full-time independent office dedicated solely to investigating and filing ethics complaints."

The measure would also bar lobbyists from contributing to any incumbent legislator's candidate committee, incumbent governor



Sen. Charlie Shields

nor's candidate committee, any continuing committee, or any campaign committee during the regular session of the General Assembly that runs from January to May. The prohibition would also apply to any incumbent governor's candidate committee or and any continuing or campaign committee

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Staff Sgt. Tyler Ritenour, of Maysville, Mo., bared long days and tough physical training for two months this fall to become the first Missouri National Guard Soldier to graduate from Army Drill Sergeant School.

Ritenour attended the school in Fort Jackson, S.C., from Sep. 24 through Nov. 24. He graduated second in his class out of 74 active duty, Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers from across the country.

"I was scared going into it," said Ritenour. "I went to the highest specialized active duty school as a National Guard guy. But I blended in really well because I knew what I was doing. The other Soldiers ended up coming to me for answers."

Over the course of the two month school, Ritenour woke up at 3:30 a.m. each day and participated in training exercises until bedtime around 9 p.m.

For information visit: www.moguard.com

CAP playground at St. Patrick's open

The new community play area at Community Action Partnership of Greater St. Joseph's (CAP St. Joe) St. Patrick's Head Start Center was completed Tuesday when signage honoring the play area and its donors was unveiled.

The Norma J. and William J. Kenney Charitable Trust, U.S. Bank trustee, donated \$54,000 to build the new play space, an important addition to the community and the Head Start center. The play space features play equipment and special flooring.

The play space includes safe, resilient flooring that helps prevent injury and allows for children with disabilities to play. Equipment was selected to encourage gross and fine motor skills, as well as develop capacity for skills such as problem-solving

and socialization appropriate for young children. The flooring material is specially designed to provide year-round opportunities for exercise, as it does not hold moisture.

The play area has been in progress throughout the year, and CAP is pleased to put the final touches on it. The sign honors the important gift that the Kenney Charitable Trust has given the children at the St. Patrick's Head Start and in the community.

Head Start is a comprehensive early childhood learning program designed to give children in poverty (or who have disabilities) the same chance to succeed at school as children from non-low-income families. From nutritious meals to physical screenings, home visits, accredited curriculum and family opportunities for socialization and goal-setting, Head Start uti-

lizes every opportunity to move families out of poverty and into economic stability. Community Action Partnership manages the Head Start program in Andrew, Buchanan, Clinton and DeKalb Counties, serving nearly 500 children from low-income families.

Community Action Partnership has provided programs to move low-income families out of poverty since 1965, serving nearly 16,000 people in poverty in Northwest Missouri. Head Start is one of the core programs managed by the agency. Additional services provided by Community Action Partnership to low-income families include utilities assistance, affordable housing, financial literacy and home ownership classes, life skills and workforce training. For more information, visit www.endpov.com.

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